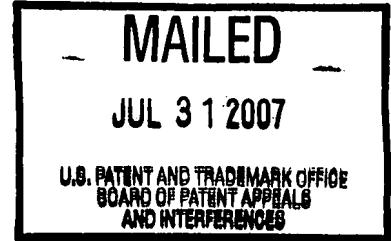


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Ex parte YUKINOBU KONISHI,
AKIO NAKAYAMA
and KAZUHIRO KOBAYASHI



Application: 10/082,984

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 7, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below. examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated June 6, 2006. There is no indication on the record that the above Information Disclosure Statement was considered by the examiner. A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's consideration is required. It should be noted that the Information Disclosure Statement was not signed.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for:

- 1) consideration and proper written response to the identified Information Disclosure Statement dated June 6, 2006, is required; and
- 2) to notify appellants of such consideration; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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